

Matthew 7:7-12

Application Questions

1. There is a healthy balance between prayer and action. This was exemplified by Christ (Mark 1:35, 7:37). What does your scale look like? Is it prayer heavy, action heavy or balanced? Explain.
2. What strikes you about the Lord's promise concerning prayer (vv. 7-11)? Jesus gave this promise to His disciples. What are the qualifications of being a disciple (Matthew 5:1-16; Luke 9:23)? Why is it important that we are first a disciple of Christ if we want assurance that our prayers will be answered? (See James 4:2-3)
3. Read Luke 11:5-10. What is the main point of this parable? (What lesson is Jesus teaching?) What is the most you have persisted in prayer for someone else? Did you receive what you asked for? Have you ever quit too soon? Explain.
4. Persistent prayer for ourselves is essential if we are to live the Sermon on the Mount. Christ's requirements for His disciples are impossible without supernatural help (Matthew 5:20). Look over the complete Sermon (Matthew 5-7). What areas do you need to persistently pray for yourself in order to keep the Lord's commandments?
5. Verse 12 has been called "The Golden Rule." Explain how this is the essence of the Law of Moses and the writings of the Prophets. What can you do this week to do for someone else what you would want done for you?